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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: CONVERSATION WITH FOREIGN MINISTER

1. FOREIGN MINISTER KEUKY LIM RETURNED TO PHNOM PENH THIS
MM
NING FROM LOS CONFERZ
CE IN GENEVA AND BRIEF STOPOVER
IN BANGKOK. HE CALLED ON ME A FEW HOURS LATER FOR A
DISCUSSION OF THE SITUATION.

2. HE SAID THAT HE HAD BEEN ASKED BY THE GKR TO DEVISE
A PLAN OF ACTION IN THE FIELD OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.
THE OBJECT WAS TO CONVEY SOME KIND OF MESSAGE TO THE OTHER
SIDE WHICH WOULD STRESS THE IMPORTANCE OF PRESERVING THE
UNITY OF THE COUNTRY AND WOULD (A) SEEK A CEASE FIRE AND
(B) AT THE SAME TIME ASK THE OTHER SIDE WHO ON THIS SIDE
WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE AS SPOKESMEN FOR PHNOM PENH.

3. HE ASKED MY ADVICE AS TO WHOM THE GKR SHOULD ADDRESS
ITSELF IN THIS FASHION. I EXPLAINED TO HIM THAT MY
INSTRUCTIONS WERE VERY CLEAR: THAT THIS WAS A PROBLEM
TO BE RESOLVED BY THE KHMR, AND THAT THE US WOULD
ACCEPT ANY SOLUTION IN CAMBODIA WHICH WAS AGREED UPON
BY THE KHMR THEMSELVES. I WOULD BE HAPPY TO RECEIVE
AND CONVEY HIS VIEWS TO MY GOVERNMENT, AND WE WOULD BE
WILLING TO ASSIST IN FACILITATING HIS COMMUNICATIONS
WITH HIS MISSIONS, AS WE HAVE SO OFTEN DONE. WITH

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RESPECT TO AMERICAN POLICY, I SAID THAT THE AIRLIFT WAS

CONTINUING ON A DAILY BASIS TO BRING IN NEEDED RICE,
AMMUNITION, POL. OUR MISSION WAS STILL A NUMEROUS ONE,
EVEN THOUGH WE HAD TEMPORARILY SENT OUT SOME OF THE LEAST
ESSENTIAL PERSONNEL. THE PRESIDENT PLANNED TO ADDRESS
CONGRESS NEXT WEEK ON INDOCHINA DEVELOPMENTS, AND
RESOLVE OF THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH TO SUPPORT CAMBODIA
REMAINED FIRM.

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